



## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

(Amended) A method for processing a leading envelope having contents comprising one or more documents and a trailing envelope having contents comprising one or more documents, comprising the steps of:

feeding the leading [document]envelope along [a document] an envelope path from an input bin;

measuring the thickness of the leading [document] envelope;

determining the gap necessary between the leading envelope and the trailing envelope in response to the measured thickness wherein the gap is sufficient to avoid interference between the envelopes and their contents as they are conveyed along the document path;

controlling the feeding of the trailing [document] envelope along the document path to provide the determined gap.

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